
HOUSE BILL No. 1181

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1-5.1; IC 31-34; IC 31-40-1-2; IC 31-40-1-3.

Synopsis: Juvenile court jurisdiction for school suspension. Permits the prosecuting attorney or county office of family and children to file a petition alleging that a child suspended or expelled from school is a child in need of services (CHINS) if the: (1) school corporation; (2) prosecuting attorney; (3) county office of family and children; and (4) judge of the court with juvenile jurisdiction; have agreed to the referral of suspended or expelled children to the juvenile court for a CHINS determination. Requires the school corporation to pay the costs of services ordered by the juvenile court if: (1) the child is found to be a CHINS; and (2) there is an agreement to refer suspended or expelled children to the juvenile court for a CHINS determination.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-5.1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 8. (a) The following are
3 the grounds for student suspension or expulsion, subject to the
4 procedural requirements of this chapter and as stated by school
5 corporation rules:

6 (1) Student misconduct.

7 (2) Substantial disobedience.

8 (b) The grounds for suspension or expulsion listed in subsection (a)
9 apply when a student is:

10 (1) on school grounds immediately before or during school hours,
11 or immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the
12 school is being used by a school group;

13 (2) off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; or

14 (3) traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or
15 event.

16 (c) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee may send
17 written notice of the suspension or expulsion of a student under

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1 this section to:

2 (1) the prosecuting attorney; or

3 (2) the office of family and children;

4 of the county in which the school corporation is located if there is
5 an agreement as described in IC 31-34-1-7.5(a)(2).

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-5.1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 9. (a) In addition to the
8 grounds specified in section 8 of this chapter, a student may be
9 suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off
10 school grounds if:

11 (1) the unlawful activity may reasonably be considered to be an
12 interference with school purposes or an educational function; or

13 (2) the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect
14 persons on school property;

15 including an unlawful activity during weekends, holidays, other school
16 breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending
17 classes or other school functions.

18 (b) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee may send
19 written notice of suspension or expulsion of a student under this
20 section to:

21 (1) the prosecuting attorney; or

22 (2) the office of family and children;

23 of the county in which the school corporation is located if there is
24 an agreement as described in IC 31-34-1-7.5(a)(2).

25 SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-5.1-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2002,
26 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the
28 meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

29 (b) As used in this section, "deadly weapon" has the meaning set
30 forth in IC 35-41-1-8. The term does not include a firearm or
31 destructive device.

32 (c) As used in this section, "destructive device" has the meaning set
33 forth in IC 35-47.5-2-4.

34 (d) Notwithstanding section 14 of this chapter, a student who is:

35 (1) identified as bringing a firearm or destructive device to school
36 or on school property; or

37 (2) in possession of a firearm or destructive device on school
38 property;

39 must be expelled for a period of at least one (1) calendar year, with the
40 return of the student to be at the beginning of the first school semester
41 after the end of the one (1) year period.

42 (e) The superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis, modify the

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period of expulsion under subsection (d) for a student who is expelled under this section.

(f) Notwithstanding section 14 of this chapter, a student who is:

(1) identified as bringing a deadly weapon to school or on school property; or

(2) in possession of a deadly weapon on school property;

may be expelled for a period of not more than one (1) calendar year.

(g) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the property where the school is located if a student engages in a behavior described in subsection (d). The superintendent may give similar notice if the student engages in a behavior described in subsection (f). Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation and take appropriate action.

(h) A student with disabilities (as defined in IC 20-1-6.1-7) who possesses a firearm on school property is subject to procedural safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415.

(i) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee may send written notice of expulsion to the county:

(1) prosecuting attorney; or

(2) office of family and children;

in which the school corporation is located if there is an agreement as described in IC 31-34-1-7.5(a)(2).

SECTION 4. IC 31-34-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) A child may be adjudicated a child in need of services if:**

(1) the child is a student at an elementary or secondary school and is suspended or expelled under:

(A) IC 20-8.1-5.1-8;

(B) IC 20-8.1-5.1-9; or

(C) IC 20-8.1-5.1-10; and

(2) the:

(A) school corporation (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1);

(B) county office of family and children;

(C) prosecuting attorney; and

(D) judge of the court with juvenile jurisdiction;

have entered into an agreement under which a child described in subdivision (1) is referred to the juvenile court of the county in which the school corporation is located for determination of whether the child is a child in need of

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services as provided in this article.

(b) If a child is adjudicated a child in need of services under this section, the school corporation is responsible for the costs of all services ordered for the child (other than secure detention) and for the child's parent, guardian, or custodian under IC 31-40-1. The county may obtain reimbursement from the school corporation for the payment of those costs under IC 31-40-1-2(c).

SECTION 5. IC 31-34-9-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The prosecuting attorney or the attorney for the county office of family and children:

- (1) may request the juvenile court to authorize the filing of a petition alleging that a child is a child in need of services; and
- (2) shall represent the interests of the state at this proceeding and at all subsequent proceedings on the petition.

(b) A petition may not be requested under subsection (a)(1) for a child described in IC 31-34-1-7.5(a)(1) unless the prosecuting attorney or the attorney for the county office of family and children receives written notice of the child's suspension or expulsion from the school corporation.

SECTION 6. IC 31-34-10-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. Before complying with the other requirements of this chapter, the juvenile court shall first determine whether the following conditions make it appropriate to appoint a guardian ad litem or a court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child:

- (1) If the child is alleged to be a child in need of services:
 - (A) under IC 31-34-1-6;
 - (B) under IC 31-34-1-10 or IC 31-34-1-11;
 - (C) due to the inability, refusal, or neglect of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to supply the child with the necessary medical care; or
 - (D) because the location of both of the child's parents is unknown;

the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child.

- (2) If the child is alleged to be a child in need of services under:
 - (A) IC 31-34-1-1;
 - (B) IC 31-34-1-2;
 - (C) IC 31-34-1-3;
 - (D) IC 31-34-1-4;
 - (E) IC 31-34-1-5;
 - (F) IC 31-34-1-7; or

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1 (G) **IC 31-34-1-7.5; or**

2 (H) IC 31-34-1-8;

3 the court may appoint a guardian ad litem, court appointed special
4 advocate, or both, for the child.

5 (3) If the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child denies the
6 allegations of a petition under section 6 of this chapter, the court
7 shall appoint a guardian ad litem, court appointed special
8 advocate, or both, for the child.

9 SECTION 7. IC 31-34-10-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5. The juvenile court
11 shall inform the parent or guardian of the estate that if the child is
12 adjudicated a child in need of services:

13 (1) the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child may be required
14 to participate in a program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for
15 the child;

16 (2) the parent or guardian may be held financially responsible for
17 services provided for the parent, guardian, or child **unless the**
18 **child is adjudicated a child in need of services under**
19 **IC 31-34-1-7.5; and**

20 (3) the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child may controvert
21 the following:

22 (A) Allegations made at the child's dispositional or other
23 hearing concerning the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's
24 participation.

25 (B) Allegations concerning the parent's or guardian's financial
26 responsibility for services that would be provided.

27 SECTION 8. IC 31-34-18-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) **A report is not**
29 **required under this section if the child is alleged to be a child in**
30 **need of services under IC 31-34-1-7.5.**

31 (b) The probation officer or caseworker shall also prepare a
32 financial report on the parent or the estate of the child to assist the
33 juvenile court in determining the person's financial responsibility for
34 services provided for the child or the person.

35 SECTION 9. IC 31-34-19-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. The juvenile court
37 shall hold a dispositional hearing to consider the following:

38 (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, rehabilitation, or
39 placement of the child.

40 (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of the participation by a
41 parent, a guardian, or a custodian in the program of care,
42 treatment, or rehabilitation for the child.

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(3) The financial responsibility of the parent or guardian of the estate for services provided for the parent or guardian or the child **unless the child is adjudicated a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1-7.5.**

SECTION 10. IC 31-40-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 119, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) **Subject to subsection (c),** the county shall pay from the county family and children's fund the cost of:

(1) any services ordered by the juvenile court for any child or the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, other than secure detention; and

(2) returning a child under IC 31-37-23.

(b) The county fiscal body shall provide sufficient money to meet the court's requirements.

(c) In the case of a child adjudicated a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1-7.5, the county is entitled to reimbursement of all payments made by the county under subsection (a)(1) from the school corporation that suspended or expelled the child.

SECTION 11. IC 31-40-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 120, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) **This section does not apply to the parent or guardian of the estate of a child adjudicated a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1-7.5.**

(b) A parent or guardian of the estate of a child adjudicated a delinquent child or a child in need of services is financially responsible as provided in this chapter (or IC 31-6-4-18(e) before its repeal) for any services ordered by the court.

~~(b)~~ (c) Each parent of a child alleged to be a child in need of services or alleged to be a delinquent child shall, before a dispositional hearing, furnish the court with an accurately completed and current child support obligation worksheet on the same form that is prescribed by the Indiana supreme court for child support orders.

~~(c)~~ (d) At:

(1) a detention hearing;

(2) a hearing that is held after the payment of costs by a county under section 2 of this chapter (or IC 31-6-4-18(b) before its repeal);

(3) the dispositional hearing; or

(4) any other hearing to consider modification of a dispositional decree;

the juvenile court shall order the child's parents or the guardian of the child's estate to pay for, or reimburse the county for the cost of, services

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1 provided to the child or the parent or guardian unless the court finds
2 that the parent or guardian is unable to pay or that justice would not be
3 served by ordering payment from the parent or guardian.

4 SECTION 12. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **IC 31-34-1-7.5, as**
5 **added by this act, applies to an act or omission resulting in**
6 **suspension or expulsion only if the act or omission occurs after**
7 **June 30, 2003.**

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